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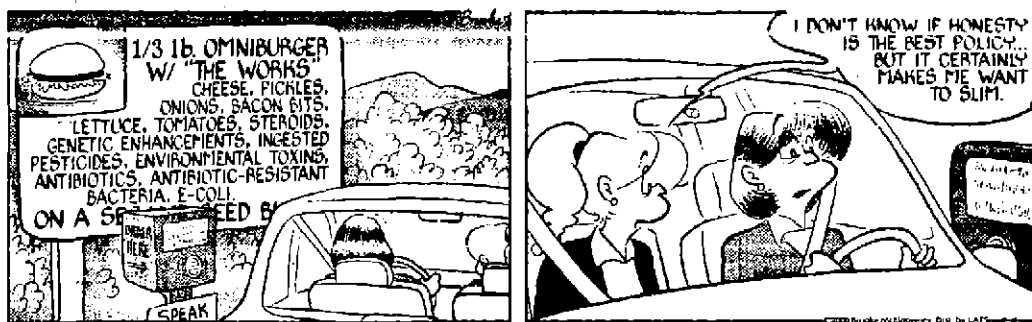
SALLY FORTH



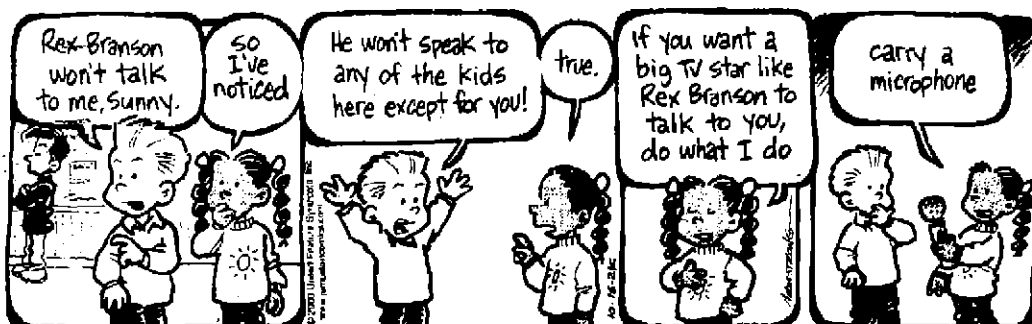
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



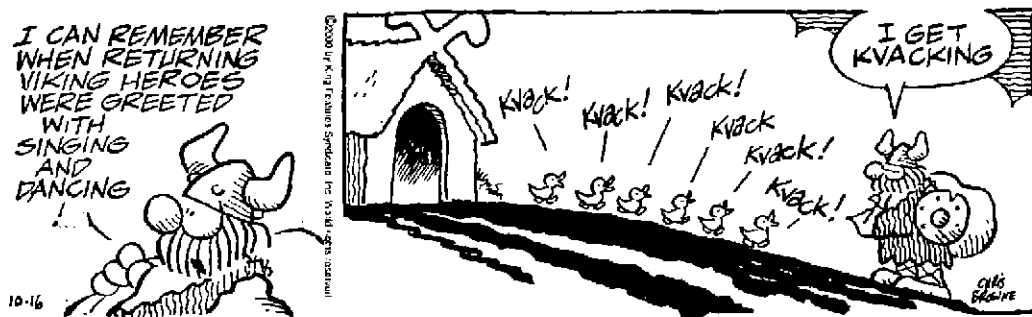
JUMP START



ROSE IS ROSE



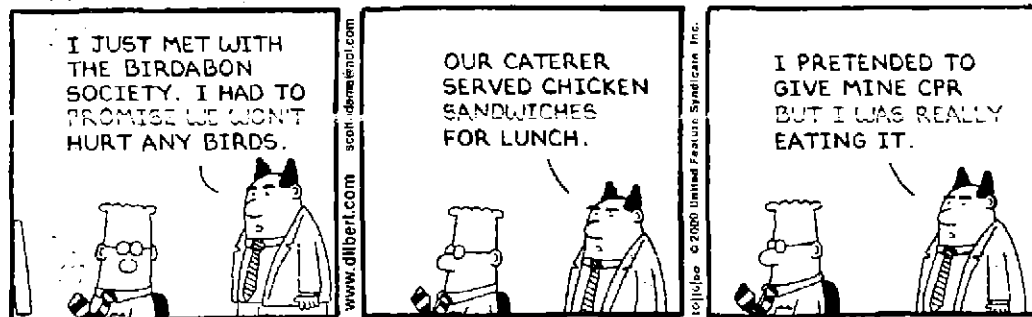
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



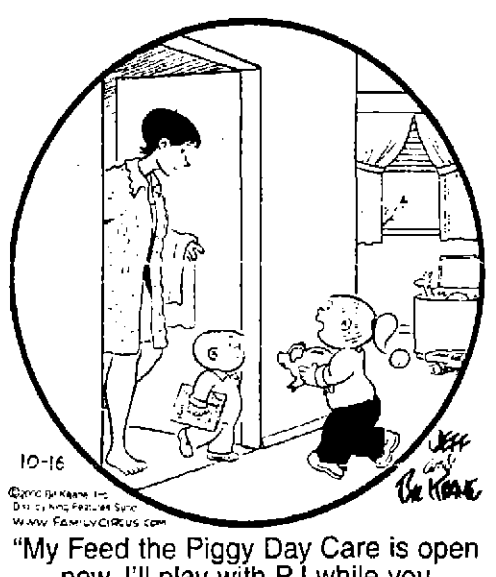
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actress **Angela Lansbury** is 75.
Actor **Tony Anthony** is 60.
Actor **Barry Corbin** is 60.
Rock musician **C. F. Turner** (Bachman-Turner Overdrive) is 57.
Actress **Suzanne Somers** is 54.
Rock singer-musician **Bob Weir** (The Grateful Dead, Ratdog) is 53.
Record company executive **Jim Ed Norman** is 52.
Actor **Daniel Gerroll** is 49.
Actor-director **Tim Robbins** is 42.

I NEED HELP



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E	A	M	R	J	D	O	1st Letter Triple
H	S	M	W	O	O	E	Triple Word Score
L	E	R	E	S	H	F	Triple Word Score
I	A	A	S	N	C	T	2nd Letter Double

PAR SCORE 200-210
by **JUDD**

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). **JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW**

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

JOHNSONS

J O L I F C Z W T O N K I F C
Z W U R P M L J H E C Z X U S
Q N L J G E A C W Z X V T R P
N L J H E C D A E Y W V T K
R P N S R L Y R N L R K I C S
G E C B E Z B E A O X D A I W
U S R U F L I T P W S J N G Y
O M M L A J R L I N O N G A M
E A D B R A D A Y X E H H M M
S W U T S Q P W H D O B N O I
N O D N Y L E A H C I M L K J

Saturday's unlisted clue: MOON
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Monday's unlisted clue hint: 17TH PRESIDENT

Ben Charles	Howard Jack	Lady Bird Lyndon	Rafer Samuel
Dennis	Jimmy Johnson	Michael	Walter

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You can state your case and win with the best of them, just be certain you have all the facts straight.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Filtration might come your way, but you can't base your entire sense of self-worth on it.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Finding an old friend is as probable as finding some lost sentimental photographs.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Get it off your chest, whether it's anger or feelings of true admiration.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Swinging the pendulum is your prerogative. Explore all possible outcomes.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Stopping to smell the flowers is time well-spent.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Hidden links, coincidences and similarities are popping up all over the place.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) When you're feeling the worst about yourself, the best thing you can do is to serve somebody else.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Living with your head in the clouds might finally be catching up with you.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Regret is a wasted emotion.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Don't be afraid to correct the spelling of your name when it rolls by on the credits; you've worked hard for your glory.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Keep a lighthearted attitude.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

South took his diamond ace and led another diamond to dummy's king to try the trump finesse. His jack won, when South cashed his trump ace. West signaled with his heart eight, putting the game in jeopardy. South now knew that leading a heart to his king wouldn't work, so, as a last chance he had to hope East had three or more clubs. To take advantage of this possibility, South cashed his trump king and tried three rounds of clubs. Unfortunately, East ruffed the third club, and the heart switch beat the game. How could South have kept East off lead? To protect his heart king from attack, South should win dummy's diamond king and lead a trump, covering whatever card East plays. West wins his 10 and continues with another diamond to South's ace. South then cashes his trump ace to uncover the bad trump break. No matter. Confidently, he leads a low club to dummy's 10 and picks up trumps via a finesse. This gives him four trump winners, five clubs and two diamonds, good for an easy overtrick instead of one down.

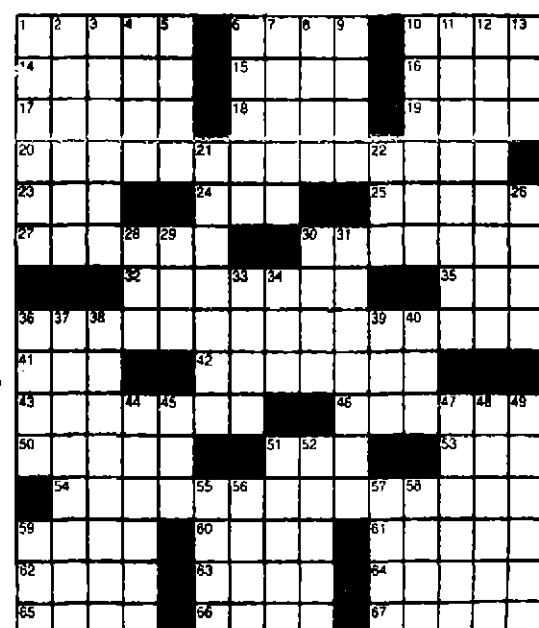
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0904

- ACROSS**
- Arm bones
 - Tiny swab
 - Rat
 - "We All?" (old show tune)
 - With the bow, in music
 - Falls behind
 - Cores
 - Christmas song
 - Money in Milano
 - Witch's phrase, in "Macbeth"
 - Dolt
 - Alliance since 1948: Abbr.
 - Washington's Sound
 - Pep rally cry
 - Tennis champ
 - Resolutely
 - Bricks measure
 - End of beach season, to many
 - Sheep-ish one
 - Impart, as values
 - Patience bumber
 - Polite tumdown
 - Beginners
 - Summer hours in Pa.
 - Baton Rouge sch.
 - Piece of unfinished business
 - It goes to waist
 - Deserving a C
 - Integrates
 - Fruit
 - Nutrient in spinach
 - Skirt style
 - Boxer's punching spot
 - Ditto
 - Middleterms and finals
- DOWN**
- Disheveled
 - Bach piece
 - Partner of cease
 - The "I" in IHOP: Abbr.
 - "Long Way to Tipperary"
 - Lecture follower, briefly
 - Gaits slower than gallops
 - Cake decorator
 - Game on horseback
 - Nearly
 - Follow too closely
 - Consents to
 - Mao -tung
 - Wandering
 - Raises
 - Care for
 - Old name for Tokyo
 - Lingus
 - Former Speaker
 - Gingrich
 - Corroded
 - Moist, as a cellar
 - Method: Abbr.
 - For fear that
 - Jackie Gleason catchphrase, with "And"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SHOTGLASS SWAMI
MONOLOGUE URBAN
OVEREXERT LIONS
KLUTE SNACKTRAY
EAP AGAS TNN
UNPEG GMAN SAC
PEEVE REININ
DANCE NATES
SEDGES SHORT
RAJ RAPT AIDER
AVE TORI OVA
HITORMISS OSMIC
RASTA OTHERWISE
ATARI ULANBATOR
HEMAN SEMESTERS



Puzzle by Elizabeth C. Gorski

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| 38 Sleeping bags | 51 England's Downs | 56 "Heartburn" author Ephron |
| 39 "Telephone Line" rock grp. | 52 Unengaging speaking voice | 57 Coll. senior's hurdle |
| 40 Carrier to Amsterdam | 53 Egyptian fertility goddess | 58 Anger, with "up" |
| 44 Troop movement | 55 Disarranges, as the hair | 59 Hamburger helper? |
| 45 Request | 47 French writer de Tocqueville | |
| 48 Concurrence | | |

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